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Title:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

William H. Matthews

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

FASHIONING, SIZING AND IMPLANTING THE SAME

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## **AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Official Action currently outstanding with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: [181]

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